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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Is it a fact that Ministers attend to the portfolios which were with them only when they go out of office, as is evidenced by the question of one of the hon. Members?

SRI T. ANANTA PAI: The Government have regretfully admitted that there has been considerable delay in the supply of dress to hospital servants. Will he institute an inquiry to find out the reasons for this delay and take necessary action against those responsible for this delay so that these difficulties may not arise in future?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: An inquiry will be made.

DR. U. KRISHNA RAO: I do not know if the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup refers to me. I presume he does. May I remind him that I was not in charge of Public Health Department?

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: I referred to him and I withdraw my remarks which were made under a misapprehension.

Irrigation works in Udayarpalayam taluk

* 2764 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of major irrigation works sanctioned for renovation during the years 1953–54 and 1954–55 in the estate villages taken over by Government in Udayarpalayam taluk; and

(*b*) the names of major irrigation tank renovation works which have been dropped as unremunerative during the same period?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

House-sites for Harijans

* 2765 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 454 on 20th December 1954, the progress made in the acquisition of private lands for assignment as house-sites to Harijans in the Coimbatore district?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: In 16 cases proceedings for acquisition have been initiated and they are in different stages. Action will also be taken to acquire lands in other cases if the Harijans are found to have any trouble with the owners of sites and if the need for acquisition is established.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM: கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, 184 சேரிகளில் ஹரிஜனங்கள் ஜாதி ஹிந்துக்களுடைய நிலங்களில் குடியிருந்து கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள். கவர்ன்மெண்ட் கொடுத்த ஒரு கணக்கிலிருந்தே அந்த இடங்களில் அவர்கள் 20 அல்லது 30 வருஷங்களாக குடியிருந்து வருவதாகத் தெரியவருகிறது. அதனால் அந்த நிலங்களை அவர்களுக்கே ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்து கொடுக்கக்கூடாதா? ஒரு நிலத்தில் 12 வருஷங்கள்